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BROAD AND PARK ST., BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

Minister:

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SUNDAY MORNING, 10:30 o'clock, sermon by the pastor.
BIBLE SCHOOL, at 12 NOON.

JUNIOR LEAGUE MEETING, 3:30 P. M.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SERVICE, 7:00 P. M.

SPECIAL SERVICE, 7:45 P. M. Mr. Noonan and Mr. Dennis of The Doyers Street Midnight Mission, Chinatown, New York, will tell of the work of the mission. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, D. D., pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, says: "I believe in the thorough and substantial work that is being done in the Doyers Street Midnight Mission."

Monday, 8 P. M. Monthly meeting of the Epworth League.

Wednesday, prayer meeting 8 P. M.

First Quarterly Conference Thursday at 8 P. M. in the Parish House. Dr. Jesse L. Hurlbut, presiding.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give a Dutch Supper on Friday night, April 26, from 6 to 8 o'clock. You pay for what you order. A good supper and a pleasant time.

Thursday afternoon, the 25th, at 2:30 an adjourned meeting of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

What Justice Requires.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

Sir—As a regular reader of THE CITIZEN I have been much interested in the various statements made regarding the Broad street line and the encroachment of the Savings Bank building upon the sidewalk in that street, and I venture to ask as to what has been done in that matter and if any steps are being taken to settle the question and restore to the people their rights in Broad street?

As I understand it, the opinion given by Town Attorney Charles F. Kocher to the Town Council relative to the Broad street line was a conclusive knockout for the bank and to my mind demonstrated that the savings bank managers had not a shadow of legal right for their encroachment of twenty-seven inches upon the public sidewalk with their building.

As one of a large number of people in the town who held the opinion that the bank managers were in the wrong in putting their building out beyond the deed line of their property, I felt a reservation over expressing my opinion, pending some enlightening declaration by members of the legal fraternity as to how it appeared to their minds. We have now had the benefit of the views of several lawyers on the subject, and the opportunity for such was brought about by Judge Skinner's application to the Town Council for a legal defining of the Broad street line. Judge Skinner's request and the lucid reasons given by him for making it, brought to light a grave condition of affairs as to the confused condition of the street lines in the most important part of the town and it is obvious that some official action should be taken towards a permanent and clearly defined system of street lines. Too much has been taken for granted in the past and in the absence of ordinance regulations the door has been open to special privilege seekers. In justice to the public and to property owners who feel conscientiously bound by their deed lines, that door should be closed.

A result of the inquiries and investigations following Judge Skinner's application seems to me and to others that it is conclusive that not the slightest thread of legal right can be found to justify the action of the bank managers.

Judge Skinner's application requires action on the part of the council for various reasons, all of them involving the public welfare and one reason in particular is based on the ground of justice to other property-owners. This applies not only to Broad street, but to all other streets about the Centre. If other property owners cannot be given the same privilege that the bank managers have taken advantage of, then simple justice, in my way of looking at it, requires that the bank managers should be officially notified that they are trespassers on the Broad street sidewalk, and that their obstructing of the sidewalk should be removed.

The officials of the bank should realize that their position, if continued, will result in a loss of business to the institution and is continuing a precedent that is going to be a source of constant difficulty and confusion in the future.

That to acknowledge the mistake and take steps to right it will pay in the end is an humble individual's idea. Great minds have erred in the past and their desire to be right has been greater than their desire to retain an unfair advantage.

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vantage and they have ate their dish of crow in order to rehabilitate themselves in the good opinion of their fellow citizens and to maintain a reputation for justness and fairness.

READER.

Montclair Civics Association.

At their meeting Tuesday evening the directors of the Montclair Civic Association elected Mr. John M. Chapman president, to succeed Mr. Harold J. Howland, who recently resigned owing to the pressure of his private work.

Mr. Chapman has been a resident of Montclair for many years, and has always taken an active interest in movements looking to the betterment of municipal conditions. For some time he has been chairman of the highways and parks committee of the Civic Association, and in that capacity has accomplished much by working quietly in co-operation with the town authorities.

Mr. Emerson P. Harris, vice-president of the association, spoke of the movement started by the Alumni Association of the Montclair High School and by the Teachers' Club to have the title of superintendent emeritus conferred upon Mr. Spaulding by the town of Montclair.

Upon motion of Mr. Harris, a resolution was unanimously adopted declaring it to be the sentiment of the board of directors that such a compliment to Mr. Spaulding would be a graceful recognition of his long years of faithful service for the town and suggesting to the Board of Education that this title be conferred upon him, if that body decided that it were wise to do so.

Mr. Robert Lynn Cox, chairman of the committee on electric transportation, presented a very interesting and timely report on the status of the trolley question.

A consulting engineer, Mr. Ricketts of Buffalo, was recently engaged by the committee and for several days made a careful study of conditions and service in Montclair. He submitted a very comprehensive report with several definite suggestions about a month ago, and the committee referred it to the town officials in the hope that it would be of assistance to them. Since that time, Mr. Cox reported there has been a material improvement in the service on Valley road. The council has granted to the trolley company the additional turnout switches requested and a six minute service is promised. The railroad company is now engaged in laying new and heavier rails on Bloomfield avenue, and is also going to do away with overhead wires on that thoroughfare.

At present the important question before the town relates to provision to be made for a turnout switch and shelters for trolley passengers at the Lackawanna station. Such a switch is necessary for the trolley company to give adequate service in the way of meeting trains. The Public Service Company wishes to place the switch on Lackawanna property, but the railroad company has refused permission, claiming that the Public Service people have failed to live up to previous agreements between the two companies.

Mr. Cox stated that there was no definite action for the association to take in this connection, but that they could only render assistance by supporting heartily the mayor and the council in their efforts to secure the needed improvements.

Church News.

The music at the services in Christ Episcopal Church to-morrow will be as follows: Eleven o'clock morning service, Te Deum in E flat, Buck; bass solo, "The Resurrection," Shelley. Half past four afternoon service, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, Clare; duet, "The Lord is my Shepherd," Smart.

The Westminster Presbyterian Church donated \$14,805.32 to benevolences last year.

A women's prayer meeting was held in the parish house of the First Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Williams of Verona has presented to the First Baptist Church a solid oak reading desk, as a memorial to her father, the late William Baldwin, who was the first president of the Men's Bible Class of the church.

Passionist fathers from Hoboken began a two weeks' mission in the Church of the Sacred Heart Sunday. The first week of the mission was for women and will conclude to-morrow afternoon and next week will be for men.

The Sunday-schools of Bloomfield and Glen Ridge are arranging for another parade, similar to that of last year. The prospects are that a much larger number will be in line and that both the First Presbyterian and Westminster Church will be required for the exercises. Mr. Howard Thomas has been appointed marshal and the superintendents of the various schools are making preparation for the occasion. The date is Saturday afternoon, June 1.

The First Presbyterian Church Society on Wednesday night elected Wm. H. Sears and J. Bentley Cueman trustees for three years, and G. Morris Haskell for two years. Robertson T. Root was elected treasurer and Fred J. Ogden and Howard H. Biddulph members of the auditing committee. During the year there was raised for benevolences \$7,346. The trustees have recommended the enlarging of the parish house so that games may be indulged in by the young, as well as for entertainments and dinners.

The mid-week service of the First Presbyterian Church next Wednesday evening, April 24, will be conducted by the missionary committee. A lecture on work among our immigrant population entitled "Making Americans," will be given in the Sunday-school room and will be illustrated by an interesting series of stereoscopic views.

The order of services in the Church of the Ascension to-morrow is as follows: Holy Communion, 8 A. M.; morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 A. M.; Sunday-school, 12 M.; evening prayer and sermon, 8 o'clock.

The Elks will attend service at the Church of the Ascension to-morrow evening.

The Town Hall Project.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

Sir—I have been much interested in the correspondence in THE CITIZEN relating to a Town Hall for this municipality. One important suggestion on the part of one writer was to the effect that some definite information should be given as to the probable cost of construction and maintenance of such a building.

The town of Arlington in Hudson county owns a town hall in which all the municipal offices are located. I have made some inquiry as to the cost of the Arlington building and its cost of maintenance.

The land and building cost \$99,493, and four and one-half per cent. bonds to the amount of \$97,000 were issued. The interest on the bonds this year amount to \$4,365. There was paid into the sinking fund for liquidating the bonds \$3,233.33; janitor's services, \$1,680; light, fuel and other expenses, \$2,012.03, making a total annual cost of \$11,290.36. The Arlington building is a plain, substantial building. J. M. W.

Love Matches.

"I argued and wrangled about love matches with Miss Marie Correll one whole day in her old fashioned Stratford home," said a prominent woman magazine writer, "but she rather got the better of me at the end with an epigram: 'She who marries for love,' Miss Correll said, 'enters hell'—with her eyes shut. She who marries without love enters hell with them open.'"

Mixed Metaphors.

"Jorkins certainly did get all mixed up when somebody asked if he hadn't some unpleasant family secrets hidden."

"What did he say?"

"He said he was ready to admit his family had their skeletons in a closet and would make no bones about it either."—Baltimore American.

Perilous Comparison.

"Now," said the professor of astronomy, who was trying to be entertaining, "the most beautiful star I know of is—"

"Be careful, professor," whispered the hostess, "the lady to whom you are speaking is a prima donna."—Washington Star.

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